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## RICHARDS DEFEATS LOWREY IN FIVE HARD SETS: CASTLE WINS

By LAURENCE REDINGTON.

A. L. Castle and J. Atherton Richards are left to compete for the honor of being called the best tennis player in the Hawaiian Islands. These two won their way to the final round of the championship tournament yesterday, the former in a runaway match, and the latter only after one of the hardest and most stubborn fights ever seen on a local court.

Richards and Alan Lowrey banged the ball across the net for five weary sets, and when victory finally went to the younger player, it was a quarter past six o'clock, and the light was falling so fast that but few more games could have been played. It was an exhausting tennis, and in the end Richards proved in the better condition, for his win being largely due to superior endurance. Lowrey was very tired in the last two sets, and could not run for the balls when Richards placed them in odd corners of the court.

It was good tennis to watch throughout, but there was something lacking to make it really first class. One tennis fan seemed to hit the nail on the head when he said that it was "college tennis and not big tournament stuff." By that he meant that there was a great sameness in play, and that neither man showed the variety of strokes that go to make up championship material.

A Driving Game.  
Both players relied almost entirely on the driving game, and the way the ball went singing from one court to the other, only an inch or so above the top of the net, was proof positive that they have thoroughly mastered this difficult department of the game. The feature of the play was the strong backhand shown by both players, who seemed to get quite as good direction and almost as much speed with backhand as forehand drives. Lowrey won most of his points by low, raking drives to the extreme backhand corner of his opponent's court, the ball having such a shot that Richards was driven right against the backstop in an attempt to return them. Time and again the Harvard man played for this corner, and it must be said that the shot was usually good for the point when it came off. He varied this with a quick pass down the other line, which also came off successfully, especially in the early part of the match.

Richards did more cross courting, and didn't play the backhand corner as much as Lowrey.

Little Net-Work.  
There was little net play on either side, at any stage of the game. What volleying there was might be called defensive volleying, being more of a stab to save being passed than the use of a commanding position at the net. One reason for this, of course, was that as neither player made a move to run in, neither was forced to lob, and there were consequently very few overhead balls to handle. Lowrey scored some pretty aces with backhand volleys from the mid court, when Richards put the ball high enough above the top of the net to make the play possible. Throughout the match both players seemed more or less anchored to the back line, and at the driving game Richards proved steeper than Lowrey. On balls that

found the corners it was about a standoff, but Richards was the surer and stood the pace better.

Lowrey started out like a winner, and ran the score up to 5-3, taking the first three games straight. Then Richards braced and took the ninth and tenth, after Lowrey had point-set in the ninth and lost his chance by serving a double fault. A ball that hit the tape and bounded crooked lost the tenth for Lowrey, but he won the eleventh, and then ran out the twelfth and the set after an exciting rally.

The second set opened with Richards driving hard and sure, and after dropping the first game in an interchange of ground strokes, he ran the score up to 4-2. Lowrey then regained his accuracy, and was not to be denied, winning the next four straight and the set.

Richards Takes Third.  
Richards got his opponent 4-2 again in the third, but Lowrey took the seventh on his own service, Richards taking the next two and the set. It was at this time that Lowrey seemed to be firing a bit, his strokes lacking the snap that characterized them at the start of the match.

The fourth set was a walkover for Richards, who never allowed his opponent a game. After about three had been played, it looked as though the Harvard man considered the set gone, and preferred to get it over with the least possible effort, and trust to a last stand in the fifth set.

In the deciding set Richards took the first three games, making nine in a row, but there Lowrey made a grand brace and brought the score to 3-all by a flash of his old-time form. His bolt was shot, however, and Richards took the next three, set and match. Lowrey served better in this than in any of the match, in spite of his leg-weary attacks.

Castle Wins Easily.

As was generally expected, Cyril Hoogs wasn't able to give A. L. Castle enough of a game to make the champion extend himself. The latter seemed to have everything, with the possible exception of a hard smash, which he netted on several occasions. He looks as though Castle has the best chance in the final round, for he has more variety to his strokes, and should be able to bother Richards at the net.

Following is the score by sets of the two matches:

Lowrey	.....1	2	3	7	8	11	12	7
Richards	.....4	5	6	9	10	.....	.....	5
Lowrey	.....1	5	7	8	9	10	6	
Richards	.....2	3	4	6	.....	.....	4	
Lowrey	.....1	4	7	.....	.....	.....	3	
Richards	.....2	3	5	6	8	9	6	
Richards	.....1	2	3	4	5	6	6	
Lowrey	.....1	2	3	7	8	9	6	
Richards	.....4	5	6	.....	.....	.....	3	
Castle	.....1	2	3	4	5	6	6	
Hoogs	.....2	4	8	.....	.....	.....	3	
Castle	.....1	2	3	4	5	6	6	
Hoogs	.....2	4	8	.....	.....	.....	3	

## LITTLE STORIES ABOUT BASEBALL

BY W. A. PHILON  
THE PITCHER WHO

"Many years ago," says Clark Griffith—"in the days when I was just learning to throw dinky little curve and Charlie Radbourne was the baseball hero of the Illinois—there was a rising young pitcher residing near Bloomington. Name of the young pitcher, if I remember right, was Rice, and we kids used to regard him as a wonder. We didn't think, of course, that he was as good as Radbourne, for Rad was the idol of the State, especially after his great work of 1894. Still, we figured Rice as being a whale of a pitcher, a pitcher who, when Radbourne quit the game, would be the fellow to take his place and uphold the glory of old Bloomington. Rice was pitching around that section of the country and was shutting out teams with one hit right along, so he sure looked like a rising star.

"I started out in 1887 and the local fans all told me that I'd be all right unless Rice chose to enter the professional game. Rice had a nice offer for that season from a classy club, but declined it. Said he didn't feel quite ripe to tackle the professional game and he guessed he'd wait a year or two.

"Along in 1889 Radbourne began to tell the big leaguers of his friend and

pupil, Mr. Rice. He told them such interesting stories that they began angling for the rising pitcher and Rice had at least two good offers. Again he declined—said he really couldn't get away from business, but guessed he would be with them next season sure.

"It was 1892 when Rice was next heard of. Radbourne quite the game and recommended Rice to several clubs. Again the good offers came to the man who was Radbourne's pupil and who was destined to eclipse the glory of his mentor, but somehow or other Rice never signed.

"I went my way, pitching here and there, and didn't hear again of Rice till soon after Charlie Radbourne had been great in the brotherhood and a few later years, came to Chicago visiting. "Radbourne is gone," said Carroll, "but we've got a pitcher down there who will be just as great as Radbourne ever was. His name is Rice. Any big club taking this boy will not regret it—he's the best I ever saw."

"Somehow or other Rice's name didn't get into the box scores and I forgot him till about 1900, when Comisky was ranging up a team for the first season of the Chicago American League club. Then some sports from down there came up to Chicago, hunted Comisky up and recommended a great pitcher of the neighborhood named Rice. Comisky failed to sign him and again he was forgotten till I took charge of the Highlanders in 1903. One spring an old time Illinois friend dropped in upon me in New York.

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## WASHINGTON KEEPS UP ITS CLIP IN THE PENNANT RACE



Washington has been "doin' it" for weeks now, but American League fans can't get used to the Senators as a pennant possibility, and the pace that Clark Griffith's team is traveling is still the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Between July 16 and 26 Washington crawled up a few points on the Boston Braves, and both these teams are well over the .600 point, and increasing their lead over the champion Athletics.

Much of Washington's success is due to the star work of McBride at short. He has been playing an almost perfect fielding game, and has been slamming the ball hard when his meant runs. McBride is now considered one of the most valuable all-around men on the Washington club's payroll.

## JAWED OFF SHORT

It hasn't ben all wins for the Chinese team, in spite of their fine showing in most of the games. Pat Soon has had several post cards from Luck Yee lately, giving fragmentary accounts of the games. At Barre, Vt., recently the Chinese beat the Italian Athletic Club 7 to 5 and 7 to 6, and lost 5 to 6. At Middletown, Conn., they dropped two straight, 4 to 1, and 6 to 5, and at Torrington they lost 5 to 4. Luck Yee says that it's been about an even break since the team left home. He doesn't say anything about plans for the return.

The Honolulu Automobile Association is going right ahead with its plans for a big motor gymkhana August 17. A meeting of the general committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which it was decided to have the big road race finish at the hotel, instead of further along the line. Interest in all the events is steadily increasing.

The National Open Golf championship matches to be played on the links of the Country club of Buffalo are certain to draw many entrants from the ranks of professional and amateur golfers. The matches are booked for August 1 and 2. The course record is 72, held by Dave Findlay, the club's expert.

Asserting that he was not in good form and that he did not play up to his standard, Frederick Herrshoff has returned to this country after an unsuccessful effort to win the British amateur golf championship at West Ward Ho, England, a month ago.

## SCOTTISH THSTLE CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

At the meeting of the Honolulu Scottish Club in its rooms in the Young building last evening, the Rev. Francis G. Williams gave a very interesting, though informal, talk on "The Relation of Music to Character," and in the discussion which followed Robert Catton, Peter Tosh and Robert Anderson expressed their views on the subject. Songs by Geo. Bustard, D. W. Anderson and others rounded out a very enjoyable session of the club.

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"That was nine years ago, and now I hear that Mr. Rice is at last really ready for the fastest company. I wonder what delayed so capable and popular a pitcher through a lapse of nearly thirty years?"

## ALL-CHINESE ARE PLAYING GOOD BALL

Still Winning Games in the East and Making Both Ends Meet Financially

The All-Chinese ball players are still barnstorming around New York state, and they must be making good financially, for they haven't written home for money yet. Every now and then comes a paper with an account of their doings, the story of their successful game at Glens Falls, New York, as printed in the Post-Star, of July 15, being the last to hand.

It is as follows:

"We came, we saw, we conquered." This was the dirge the yellow men from Hawaii were singing when they left our midst yesterday afternoon with a 4 to 1 victory over the Paddies, flaunting from their banner. The locals had an off day all around, and had it not been for the gilt edge ball put up by Captain Jack Ingles, the Paddies would have been overwhelmed without a doubt. Although Jack did not break into the hit column, only one invader was able to steal on him and he had four stolen bases to his credit, which speaks well for the stocky receiver of the home team.

The Chinese went out in one, two three orders in the first four innings, but the local were more fortunate. Wagner hit safely in the first spam but was caught in a fast double killing when Burns drove a wicked liner to the first baseman. In the second, P. Watters and Ingles were crouched on third and second, respectively, with two gone, but C. Watters' effort was a feeble one. In the third, LePere reached the first station on a pass with none gone, but the two following batters whiffed, and the other gave the guardian of the initial sack an easy out. P. Watters got on again in the fourth with one gone, but the next two batters flied to the outfield.

The Chinese came across with three in their half of the sixth. Luc Yee got a life on an error by Wagner. Ah Toon beat out a perfect bunt with yards to spare, placing Luc Yee on second. Ayau sacrificed, advancing both runners. Then A. Akana, the catcher, biffed with a two base swat into deep center, both men tallying. A. Akana came across on an error by Cronin. They counted one more in the ninth on another offense by Wagner, an out, and a hit over third. The locals secured their lone tally in the seventh, when Ingles received free transportation to first, stole second and third, and scored when Kan Yan made a bad peg to catch him between the bags. After that, the locals were never dangerous.

## MYRTLES GETTING DOWN TO FIRST- CLASS FORM

Down at the Myrtle Boat Club there is much activity these days, and everyone who can pull an oar is training faithfully and working hard in the hope of making one of the crews for Regatta Day. The "weeding" will commence about the middle of August, when the coaches will "tip the black spot" to the men who have no chance, and devote their entire time to getting the regulars into shape.

The Junior crew is showing the best real form at the present time, the men in the boat being Mike Center, stroke; Auerbach, 5; Davis, 4; Bustard, 3; Harry Bailey, 2; De la Nux, bow. The alternates are Sullivan, Ladd, Smith, Myhre, McVeigh and O'Brien.

Myrtle Notes.  
The James L. Torbett is being thoroughly cleaned and will be ready for the water in a few days.

The new Myrtle trunks are here, and they are quite artistic. Most of the fellows are hanging them up in their rooms.

Who stole my soap? This seems to be the prevailing question after a hard row. Bustard says he is tired of bringing samples of May & Co.'s toilet specials; Wisdom says that the Y. M. C. A. have refused to let him supply them any longer; and Roller is all out of his patent article for removing dirt without work.

Tomorrow about 1:30 p. m. Honolulu citizens are liable to see things. Some people will think it is a labor union parade, but the fact is the Myrtle boat house is to be painted, and a small army of members will wend their way towards the club with brushes and red paint. Bechert will supply the overalls for the crew.

Next Saturday night, August 3, at 8:30, the Myrtle Boat Club is to give a dance—the first for some time. Kaal's Quintet will supply the music. The affair will be strictly first class and a few members of the club will handle tickets.

## FIVE YACHTS TO START IN RACE

Gun for Round-the-Island Water Marathon to Be Fired at 5 This Evening

Five yachts will cross the starting line off the spar buoy this afternoon, on a race around Oahu for the Governor's cup, one of the fixtures of the regatta season. The Hawaii, Gladys, Kamehameha, Mollou and Charlotte C are the entries, and the handicaps are so arranged that yachting experts believe each and every boat has a good chance to win, providing that she is properly sailed, and gets an even break of the racing luck.

In this race the Hawaii has been turned over to Commodore Warren D. Wood, of the South Coast Yacht Club, who was a guest of Captain Strong in the trans-Pacific event last month. Commodore Wood is a yachtsman and racing skipper of considerable experience, and he can be counted on to get the most out of the schooner.

Following are the time allowances, and the conditions and sailing instructions issued by the regatta committee of the Hawaii Yacht Club:

Hawaii, scratch; Mollou, 1 hour, 17 minutes, 44 seconds; Kamehameha, 1 hour, 15 minutes, 18 seconds; Charlotte C, 2 hours, 23 minutes, 43 seconds.

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## TODAY'S PLAY WILL DECIDE POLO TOURNAMENT

This afternoon on the Moanania field the final match game of the 1912 polo season is scheduled for settlement. Oahu and the fifth Cavalry will battle for honors, and on the result of the game the polo championship of the islands for the year.

Oahu has beat Maui, and now only the Cavalry stands between the local four and a clean sweep of the field. The Cavalry has come down to defeat at the hands, or rather the sticks, of the Valley's leaders, so the best the Army men can hope for by a win is an even break, and another "no tournament" finish.

The game should be a hot one, although Oahu is a strong favorite, on account of its win over the Maui team, which, in turn, took the Cavalry down the line to the top-pled score of 10 3-4 to 3.

## ENGLAND MAY BAR BETTING

Those with an ear close to the ground declare the opening gun has been fired in what is likely to prove a determined campaign against betting on horse races in the British Isles.

In advance it was declared in almost every quarter that when the Bishop of Hereford moved the second reading in the House of Lords recently of the measure against public betting it would be quashed as a matter of course. On the contrary the measure received unexpected support in spite of the opposition being led forcefully by the Earl of Durham and in spite of the most marked manner in which King George is supporting the British turf both by running his horses and attending the principal meetings.

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